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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, this Information Disclosure Statement in connection with the above-identified application is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b):

- ☐ within three months of the filing date of this application (not a C.P.A.);
- ☐ within three months of the date of entry of the National Stage;
- ☐ before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits; or
- ☒ before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits of, after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under §1.114.

Attached is a copy of an Office Action issued in a co-pending related U.S. application. Since all of the documents cited herein were cited in said Office Action, it is believed that the relevancy of each document cited is clear from the Office Action and their relation to the

subject matter of the present invention. Accordingly, no further comment with regard to the disclosures of these documents is believed to be required.

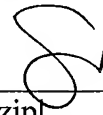
The Office Action was mailed on October 1, 2010, less than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. No item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the attached documents be considered and officially cited, and that the Examiner initial a copy of Form PTO/SB/08A, and return it to the undersigned to indicate that the documents have been considered.

It is believed that the present Information Disclosure Statement complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-8, but should the filing of this paper necessitate a fee, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1281.

Respectfully submitted,

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